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- 1 14 (Previously Amended). A method as recited in claim 12, wherein said step
 - 2 of accumulating a matchword is performed in accordance with logic functions
 - 3 specified by at least one extra bit.
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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1 is amended for the Examiner's consideration. The foregoing separate sheets marked as "Listing of Claims" shows all the claims in the application, with an indication of the current status of each.

Paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22 has been amended to change the term "program identification (PID)" to read "table identification (TID)". This change more accurately reflects the entire specification use of the table identifier field for filtering the data stream. For example, filtering within the table section layer is discussed on page 10 beginning on line 9, "Figure 2 illustrates performance of a plurality of comparison/filtering functions on a first data block of a table section header in accordance with the invention."

Claim 1 has been amended to change the term "program ID field" to read "table identification (TID) field". This change is to make the claim consistent with the language of the specification on page 3, line 24. The table identification field is an identifier in the table layer of the MPEG-2 data stream. The subject invention use of the table ID for filtering is outside the standard use of the MPEG-2 packet ID. The claimed invention, as defined

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-787-9400 (fax: 703-787-7557; email: mike@wcc-ip.com) to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

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